Cape Henlopen State Park (West)
2011 – 2012 Hunting Seasons/Special Hunting Rules

Refer to map for approximate locations of indicated areas.

1. In addition to the rules and regulations found in the ***Delaware Hunting and Trapping Guide: 2011-2012***, specific rules that apply to Cape Henlopen State Park (West) are listed below. **Registration of all hunters participating in the– Delaware State Park Hunting Program is required. There is an annual $10 hunting program charge. This charge is waived for hunters 65 or over.** Hunters may register at the Cape Henlopen State Park Office or at the front desk of the DNREC Building, 89 Kings Highway, Dover.

2. Hunting for deer is permitted in all designated areas in season from September 1, 2011 through January 31, 2012. No firearm hunting is permitted prior to the November Shotgun Season. Handguns are not permitted in the park. There is no hunting of any type from February 1 through August 31, 2012.

3. All hunters must honor the 200-yard safety zone (100 yards on each side) along the Junction-Breakwater Trail. This area is heavily used throughout the year by the non-hunting public.

4. Waterfowl Hunting
   a. Waterfowl Hunting is permitted in season in areas E and F. Hunters may NOT construct blinds in these areas.
   b. Waterfowl Hunting in the park is restricted to between November 1, 2011 and January 31, 2012.

5. Parking is in designated parking areas ONLY. Off-road driving is not permitted. Hunters are reminded to respect private property boundaries.

6. Spray Irrigation Area: The fields surrounding the county wastewater treatment facility on Wolfe Neck Road are actively sprayed with secondarily treated effluent. For health and safety reasons, hunters are not allowed on or near spray-irrigated fields or irrigation equipment except on the road through the property.

7. Deer Hunting – Archery and Crossbow hunting
   a. Permitted in all areas in season; G, E and F, from September 1, 2011 through January 31, 2012.
   b. All areas labeled G are Archery/Crossbow ONLY areas. Archers must hunt at least 50 yards from the nearest trail or road. This safety distance increases to 100 yards <u>on each side</u> of the Junction-Breakwater Trail.
   c. Permitted during firearms seasons. Note that hunter orange is required during gun seasons, **including in the archery and crossbow only areas**.

8. Deer Hunting - Muzzleloader Season
   a. Permitted in areas E and F for the January 2012 season only.
   b. There is not an October Muzzleloader Season in the Park.

9. Deer Hunting - Shotgun Seasons
   a. Permitted in areas E and F including the November 11 – November 19, 2011, December 10 – December 17, 2011 Special Antlerless and January 14 – January 21, 2012 seasons.

10. It is illegal to use a nailed or permanent deer stand or ladder. Portable deer stands must be of a type that will not damage trees. Unattended stands will be confiscated.

11. Do NOT shoot into or across the spray irrigation fields when hunting Area E! This is dangerous and may lead to the closure of this area to public hunting.

12. The clearing/cutting of vegetation to form shooting lanes or for any other purpose is prohibited.

13. Deer drives are NOT permitted on park property. Park in designated parking areas only.

14. Dependent upon ongoing construction, weather, or other factors, one or more areas may be closed. For updated or additional information, contact the park office at (302) 645-8983 or visit the Delaware State Parks website at www.destateparks.com.

MESSAGE TO ALL HUNTERS:

- Please be careful, discrete and considerate around other park visitors. Understand that many park patrons are NOT hunters and some may feel threatened by your presence. Please show consideration to fellow hunters.

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